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Selected Projects Awarded Funding Through the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program Under Solicitation PON-13-609

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Assembly Bill 118 (Nùñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007), created the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP). The statute authorizes the California Energy Commission to develop and deploy alternative and renewable fuels and advanced transportation technologies to help attain the state's climate change policies. AB 8 (Perea, Chapter 401, Statutes of 2013) re-authorizes the ARFVTP through January 1, 2024, and specifies that the Energy Commission allocate up to \$20 million per year (or up to 20 percent of each fiscal year's funds) in funding for hydrogen station development until at least 100 stations are operational.

The statute also directs the California Air Resources Board to develop guidelines that apply to the program to ensure the programs complement efforts to improve air quality. The Air Quality Guidelines were approved in 2008. California Code of Regulations, Title 13, Chapter 8.1, Section 2343(c)(6) contains the requirement for the Energy Commission, being the funding agency, to analyze the localized health impacts, consider environmental justice issues of projects funded by the program that require a permit, and publish a staff report for public review and comment at least 30 calendar days before approval of projects. The report was publicly available on May 9, 2014.

This report reviews the projects submitted under the Pilot-Scale and Commercial-Scale Advanced Biofuels Production Facilities grant solicitation PON-13-609, and proposed for funding under the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. The report includes a description of the projects, criteria emissions data for the fuels associated with the projects, demographic data for the areas where the projects will be located, and an analysis of the impacts of these projects in communities with the most significant exposure to air contaminants or localized air contaminants.

The specific project analyzed in this report is:

Crimson Renewable Energy, LP - 17731 Millux Road, Bakersfield, CA 93311

This report is available on the Energy Commission's website at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/2014publications/CEC-600-2014-004/CEC-600-2014-004.pdf.

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